scheme to provide tent equipments to encourage adventure tourism in order to supplement tourist accommodation where no hotel accommodation is available. The Government is assisting State Governments in setting up of tented accommodation subject to inter-se priorities and availability of funds.

Direction to install MODE-S transponder in Aircrafts

500. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Ministerof CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued directions to all the airlines, including foreign airlines coming to and flying over India, to install MODE—S Transponders in the aircraft by the end of this year;

(b) if so, the response received from the Indian Airlines / Air India/ Private Airlines and also foreign airlines in this regard; and

(c) the action proposed agianst those airlines not complying with the directions.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) On 8.2.1994, DGCA has issued instructions requiring installation of MODE-—S' Transponders on all turbine engine aeroplanes having All-up-Weight of 5700 Kg. or more and passenger capacity, of more than 30 seats. Aeroplanes registered and operated in the contry and foreign aeroplanes flying over Indian air space have to comply with this requirement by 30th June, 1995. Aeroplanes which are imported after 30th June, 1994 have to comply with this requirement at the time of import.

These requirements were prescribed after discussion with the Indian Airlines, Air India and Air taxi operators.

(c) All airlines are required to comply with this mandatory requirement. Suitable action will be taken as and when non compliance with the requriment is noticed by DGCA.

बिहार में पर्यटन के विकास के लिए कार्य योजना

501. श्री ब्रह्मदेव आनन्द पासवान: क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार बिहार में पर्यटन के विकास हेतु वहां 17 सर्किटों का पता लगाकर कोई कार्य योजना तैयार करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन सर्किटों और कार्य योजना का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) राज्य में कार्य योजना को लागू करने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आज़ाद): (क) से (घ) बिहार में राजगीर, नालंदा, बोधगया और वैशाली सहित एक बौद्ध परिपथ का विकास जापान के विदेशी आर्थिक सहयोग कोष की सहायता से किया जा रहा है। इस योजना में शामिल हैं: राष्ट्रीय और राज्यीय राजमार्गों का सुधार करके मजबूत बनाना, भूदृश्यांकन, जल-आपूर्ति बढ़ाना, बिजली में सुधार करना, दूर संचार का सुधार करना, मार्गस्थ सुख-सुविधाओं का निर्माण करना, आदि।

Losses of l.A.C

502. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the l.A.C. has suffered a loss of Rs. 200 crores during the last year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are factors that have created such a situation in that organisation;

(c) what steps have been taken during the last year to arrest the loss and with what results and by when it is likely to become profit making organisation; and

(d) if the reply to part (c) be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Indian Airlines suffered a loss of Rs. 195.11 crores during 1992-93.

(b) The loss was mainly due to the following reasons:—

(i) Pilots' agitation / strike from Oct., 92 to Jan., 93.

(ii) Depreciation in exchange value of the rupee.

(iii) Lower traffic than estimated.